

S.A. meeting

TONIGHT

Fourth hall

Six motions have been proposed which: condemn University Council for accepting the plans for the fourth hall of residence — a building impractical in design, and a building which will further manifest the inequality of access to educational resources which already exists between students and their contemporaries; and which suggest a scheme for some cheap accommodation.

Eatock

A motion in support of Pat Eatock's campaign for the ACT seat in the Federal elections.

The poll

Declaration of the poll for Students' Association President for 1972, and presentation of the Report of the Committee of Disputed Returns.

AUS Council

Delegates to the Annual Australian Union of Students Council (February 1973) will be elected at the meeting.

Union Refectory, 8 pm See agenda page 3.



Photo from Stuart Harris' 'This is Our Land,' reviewed inside.

Full time appointment for 1973

Editorship challenge

Dissent is increasing on campus over the appointment by the SRC last Sunday, of Helen Shepherd as *Woroni* Editor for 1973. Helen Shepherd took the position after preference allocation from Julius Roe who lead in the primary vote. Objections to the outcome of the election reast mainly in the belief that Helen Shepherd will be unable to devote sufficient time to the editorship — \$1000 of Student Association revenue has been allocated to allow the appointment of a full time editor. Because of the flippancy of the SRC's approach, applicants were not questioned in detail as to the amount of time they would devote to the editorship. A motion will be put at the general meeting tonight calling on the Students' Association to reject the SRC appointment and reconsider more fully the applications that were lodged.

At least two applicants are keen to contest the editorship before a general meeting of students. Michael Wright, who will initiate the argument for a rethink at tonight's meeting wrote the following article after last Sunday's disappointment. Much to my disgust I was party to another example of SRC incompetency. As an ex-officio member of the SRC I attended the Sunday meeting which selected the 1973 full time *Woroni* editor. My disgust arose over the treatment of the *Woroni* election. Following a 30 minute questioning of the candidates, the SRC spent the record time of 15 minutes discussing them because "it is study vac and we haven't any more time" (Refshauge). The SRC seemed unconcerned that it was allocating \$5,000 of student funds after less than an hours discussion. It seemed almost unaware

that it was appointing a person to the second full time position in the association. This raises questions about the respective rights of the SRC and the Students' Association and the relative importance of these two bodies in taking important policy decisions with large financial consequences. If the full time president is elected by the Students' Association then why not the full time editor? Is a 15 minute discussion sufficient time to consider the merits of the candidates and are SRC members more worried about their personal time than about student money? Questions which should have been asked were not asked, nor were they followed through to conclusion: Would the applicant regard the position as a full-time one? Would the applicant be holding down another job if elected? Was the

applicant applying principally because of the money involved? Which applicants were likely to devote the greatest amount of time to *Woroni*? No time was given to discussing the role that a full time (as opposed to an honorary) editor should fulfil within the association, especially in relation to the only other full-time position — that of President. The SRC decision was hasty, its members shallow in their approach to the appointment, and one wondered if they really were concerned about the future of *Woroni*. As Steve Padgham, DSP, so very aptly portrayed it when questioned on the wisdom of the decision, "I don't know, but at least Helen's kids will be fed." Tonight's S.A. meeting is the only chance to reconsider the SRC's questionable approach to the editorship. M. Wright, Undergraduate Representative on Council.

ANU's ivory elephant

No trumpets

Tenders for the new fourth student hall of residence have been called. At this moment the University is negotiating a contract with Leighton Contractors Pty.Ltd. who submitted the lowest tender. As yet it is uncertain what agreement will exist between Leighton Contractors, the University and the architect, Mr John Andrews. It is the nature of these relationships that will probably cause the University most anxiety. Recently, members of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects have been stirring over conditions of engagement of architects by the University. As a consequence of this it appears that the ANU administration has lost confidence in the set of engagement conditions that initiated the reaction by members of the Architects Institute.

The architects claimed that such conditions made unrealistic demands on the architect. Under such conditions the architect was made responsible for the performance of the builder. These circumstances tended to act against the professional independence of the architect and favoured the often dubious package deal developers. At least one architect who refused to accept these conditions of engagement has had his association with the ANU severed. It is unknown to *Woroni* what conditions of engagement Andrews has or will accept. He is a member of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. Enquiries as to what now stand as the operative conditions of engagement of architects by the University have met with vague and *Continued on page 3*

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At last the 1973 show.

Woroni in 1973 will be a once
a week event - and a readable
8 pages. On Sunday the SRC
voted in Helen Shepherd as
full time editor for next year.

Who the hell am I?
I've been around campus for
years - seven in fact. I am the
first woman editor for some
years - as a member of Can-
berra Women's Liberation I
promise a more feminist orient-
ed newspaper.

My policy stated amongst
other things: politics - left:
every edition will have a centre
page feature article and will
include material and perspec-
tive which relates to course
work, politicians and their
politics, and politics on the
campus.

There are quite obvious divi-
sions in outlook and values
within the campus: The Union
and the halls of residence:
non-academic and academic
staff: the academic staff which
is itself divided. The class
structure which issues from
this will also be covered.

The left 'bias' is not intended
to exclude points of view at
the other end of the spectrum.
On the contrary I think it is
important that such views be
aired and debated rather than
left to fester in seclusion.
However, the overall policy of
the paper would be to provide
an outlet for dissent as the status
quo is quite adequately catered
for in the established media, and
an on-campus paper could and
should provide an alternate point
of view. The VC and other
powers that be should be ex-
posed to as many interviews as
possible so that the motivation
behind policies that effect us
is publicly aired.

I intend to make as full use as
possible of the research scholars
and the invaluable material they
could provide. It is hoped to
put out a special edition once a
month on specific issues - eg a
women's edition, a DRU edit-
ion, an edition on poverty in
Canberra.

Helen Shepherd

A Black day

Dear Sir,

My concern is to correct any
unfortunate and false impres-
sion created by David Spratt's
assertion (Woroni 11 October)
that my appointment as Dir-
ector of Student Broadcast-
ing will tend to make Radio
ANU less than an effective
medium of campus communica-
tion. A belief that Radio
ANU will somehow be 'power-
less' and 'in the hands of one
man' can only be based on a
failure to understand the nature
of the radio station being
set up on campus.

Policy guidelines for Radio
ANU, drawn up by the Campus
Radio Station Committee
(which, incidentally, had a
healthy student majority to
call on in deciding these and
administration committee ap-
pointments - so much for the
administration's silent but
strong grasp on student polit-
ics) and approved by Council
(which holds the broadcast
licence), allow plenty of scope
for free expression of opinion.
However, it is clearly provided
that the radio station is NOT
to become 'the voice of any one
person or group of persons' be
it of the 'revolution', of reac-
tionaries' or of the DSB.

Everyone with something to
communicate (whether it be
political views, musical taste or
the weather information) will
be able to approach the admin-
istration committee for air
time.

It is true, that the committee
will be able to choose what is
or is not broadcast, but this

provision is more to stop airing
of the unairable (we have to
comply with the Broadcast and
Television Act and standards
laid down by the Australian
Broadcasting Control Board if
we want to stay on the air)
than to censor anyone. In any
case, persons who think they
have been kept off the air un-
fairly will be able to appeal to
the Campus Radio Station Com-
mittee (to which the adminis-
tration committee is respon-
sible) and ultimately to Coun-
cil (to which the CRSC reports).

Moreover, because Radio ANU
will not have to rely on advert-
ising to stay in business, the ad-
ministration committee will
attempt to seek out minority
(Mr Spratt may like to fill in
the programme questionnaire
we are carrying out) cultural
and other opinion, which may
otherwise go uncatered for by
the communications medium
Radio ANU will offer.

To sum up, the student radio
station will not - at least
while I am DSB - become by
default what student news-
papers often are: part purport-
ing to be the whole of, what I
see as, disparate student opin-
ion.

Peter Black

Searching out the radio

The role of the station.
Chris Deacon, Assistant
Station Manager, Radio ANU

Ideally, broadcasting should
cater for as wide a variety
of tastes as possible - the tastes
of small audiences and mass
audiences, of cultural minorit-
ies and cultural majorities.
Our's is a pluralistic society,
in culture as well as in ethnic
origins and lifestyles. A med-
ium of expression as pervasive
as radio should reflect and
enrich this cultural pluralism.
It is in this context that Radio
ANU sees the potential and
opportunity offered by non-
commercial campus radio.

Commercial radio stations
usually define their functions
and responsibilities in the
somewhat amorphous cate-
gories of information, educa-
tion and entertainment. These
categories - normally describ-
ed in a station's licence applica-
tion - are in practice translated
into programming that the
station hopes will garner the
largest possible audience. For
the commercial station, large
audiences mean advertising
dollars. Such commercial con-
siderations run counter to
broad altruistic objectives, all-
owing a radio station to serve
but a few of the myriad needs
of the community it serves.

Under the terms of its licence,
Radio ANU has agreed to serve
students' interests, convenience
and necessity. It has responsi-
bilities to the University com-
munity only. Although the
University Council is the broad-
cast licensee, Radio ANU is
neither the official voice of the
Australian National University
nor of the various student bod-
ies funding it. The radio station
is primarily a student oper-
ated activity and, as such, it
reflects the diverse tastes
and opinions represented with
the student community on cam-
pus.

It is this community that
should readily yield an audience
wanting to be exposed to in-
quiry, exploration, innovation and
experimentation. Further it is
our belief that within the acad-
emic community, there are
many with a similar outlook.
The University community,
which superimposes educators
and students, wants to know
what is new in literature, drama
the sciences, music, public aff-
airs and news. We do not be-
lieve that such criteria neces-
sarily define Radio ANU
as serving an elitist audience.

Because of its non-comm-
ercial nature, the burden of res-
ponsibility is greater in pres-

enting areas of social concern
because we cannot allow a
singular point of view to dom-
inate to the exclusion of all
others. We must seek out as
many views as feasible. In
pursuing these goals, contro-
versy may arise, but it may
at least reach across the gap
of misunderstanding through
ignorance. Then, even the
most reconcilable opposition
can begin to gain insight into
opposing points of view. The
position of this station is expl-
oratory rather than inflammat-
ory.

'This is our Land' -
reviewed

The Aboriginal 'problem' will
remain so long as governments
refuse to recognize that Abor-
igines, as a race, have dis-
tinctive problems - based in
their culture and history.
This simple truth, expressed
by Dennis Walker, son of the
poet Kath Walker, and cited
in Stewart Harris' book 'This
Our Land' has been blindly
ignored by generations of
White Australians who have
preferred instead to define as
'problems' things which offend,
or in other ways negatively
affect them, thereby implic-
itly maintaining the basic pre-
mise upon which Black-White
relations were founded and
sustained, namely, that of
White supremacy.

This notion lies behind the
early attempts at extermin-
ation, the later one of segre-
gation, and the present one
of assimilation. In different
ways and at different times
the Aborigines have fought
back, at first with their spears,
then with the resilience in
their heritage, and finally with
our weapons - organization and
the Law. If these latter
weapons fail, as they must if
Aboriginal needs cannot be
incorporated into the definition
of the Nation's best interests,
then the increased tension
and frustration that result will,
as Harris predicts, mean the
possibility of real violence.

The only grounds for optim-
ism lie in the apparently in-
creasing number of White
Australians who are willing to
understand and accept Abor-
iginal points of view, particularly
on issues which affect both
segments of the population.
The most important of these
is, of course, the question of
native land rights and its most
recent manifestation the Abor-
iginal Embassy which, accord-
ing to Harris - a journalist and
first hand observer of the events
surrounding the Embassy - sym-
bolized the Aborigines' feel-
ings that they are foreigners
in their own country so long
as they hold no legal freehold
title to any part of Australia.

The Aborigines growing
awareness of the White man's
design clearly emerges from
Harris' writings as he docu-
ments the Aboriginal reaction
to the first excursions of the
mining companies into the
so-called Aboriginal Reserves.
The only resistance possible is
on the White man's terms and
under the present definition
of these, as the Blackburn de-
cision on Aboriginal land rights
in the Gove peninsula of
Arnhem Land illustrated, the
Aborigine is bound to fight a
losing battle. Sensing this to
be the shape of things to come,
Aborigines have begun to move
off the Missions and settle-
ments and back to their tribal
lands - the Gurindji of Wave
Hill, the Bardi of Sunday Island
in the Northwest, the Balamumu
of Yirrkala Mission in Arnhem
Land, and doubtless many other
groups like the Bickerton Is-
land people of the Grootte Ey-
landt reserve, whose aspirations
are suppressed by the local
authorities.

While Harris points approv-
ingly to North America as an
example of enlightened policy
in respect to Aboriginal land

rights, it is worth pointing out
that non-treaty Indians, in half
the Dominion of Canada enjoy
no such rights and treaties are
regarded by many as having
extinguished all further Abor-
iginal claims. At least in Aus-
tralia where there have been
no treaties, there is the hope
of future settlement based on
eventual acceptance by the
courts and government of the
theory of native rights, a theory
which in 1969 the Canadian
Government formally rejected.
The Labour party policy of
holding Aboriginal lands in
Trust, although an improve-
ment over land lease, the best
Aborigines can do at present,
is still basically discriminatory
so long as this does not apply
to all land, White's and
Black's alike.

Where a Canadian example
is perhaps more instructive is
the attempt to establish multi-
culturalism as a basis for
national unity. Contrary to
popular liberal belief, the
evidence suggests that it is not
linguistic and cultural plural-
ism that is a predictor of
political instability but blocked
social mobility. In other
words, pluralist countries like
Canada and Belgium are as
stable as so-called homogeneous
countries like Australia (homo-
geneous only if Aborigines
are excluded from the discus-
sion). Regardless of these
facts, in any case, what could
be more boring than a homo-
geneous society.

The plea for a multi-cultural
Australia, recognizing the dis-
tinctive part Aborigines could
play in a national culture has
been made by members of the
Council for Aboriginal Affairs,
the Government's own advis-
ory body, but has gone un-
heeded. Dr H.C. Coombs, a
member of the Council, is
quoted as saying that is prim-
ary aim is 'to strengthen the
sense of Aboriginal Australians
as a distinctive group within
our society', an aim, it goes
without saying, which is totally
opposite to the policy of assim-
ilation.

Harris' idea of what Abor-
iginal-White relations should
be is symbolized in George
Dreyfus' composition 'Sextet
for Didgeidoo and Wind
Quintet'. 'He made no attempt
to "assimilate" the Aboriginal
music into any strong western
form,' says Harris. Instead,
the Aboriginal contribution was
an integral thing on its own,
blending with the whole work
and influencing, for the good,
the western or Australian part
of it It seemed to be a
perfect example, by chance,
of what should be the whole
connection between the Abor-
iginal and the white Aust-
ralian way.'

D.H. Turner

Charity response

The Aboriginal Medical Service
at Redfern, which received
\$700 as a Bush Week charity,
has now appointed a full-time
doctor. He is Ross McLeod,
a pediatrician, who has worked
extensively overseas helping
the underprivileged - in Harlem
and similar.

The last of the 1972
show.

This issue was thrown togeth-
er by David Spratt, with help
from John Reid, Moira
Scollay, John Grimau and Jack
Waterford. Advertising solicited by John
Grimau. Sadly, this is the final issue
for 1972, and perhaps the
last to emanate from our
present beloved Woroni
office.

Bobbi Sykes in London.

Bobbi Sykes opened her international campaign on behalf of her fellow black Australians at 7.30 pm on Friday 13 October in a crowded smoke-filled hall just a spear's throw from Buckingham Palace. It was also the first public meeting of ABJAB, the London based Aboriginal action group, which is sponsoring Bobbi's tour. They had booked a hall which held 300 but Bobbi had to speak to the overflow separately in the foyer outside, while films were being shown inside. One of the films was of the Embassy being torn down which started with alternate shots of George V and Billy Craigie pretending to play the didgeridoo. Vicious police action was punctuated by flashes of Ambrose, Bobbi, Tony Elkin and Gary Foley, not to mention Padgham, swaying rhythmically to the tune of "Land Right Now". Unfortunately the film gave no evidence that Tim Morris had NOT assaulted a policeman.

After the films, Carl Canteri, the convenor of ABJAB, explained that the Australian High Commissioner had been invited but regretted that he was unable to attend but had sent printed matter. (laughter). This turned out to include the 13 page transcript of McMahon's Australia Day Speech on the Aboriginal "Problem". The speech was read without any prior comment other than "I hope you won't be bored".

Dr Hannah Middleton, a concerned anthropologist, spoke first, followed by Professor Frederick Rose, an Australian who moved to Russia in 1956 (a good year) and now lives in East Germany. He suggested that Australia should learn from Russia how to treat her minorities (anguished Jewish cries).

The tables were then cleared off the stage for Bobbi, who, looking horrified at the stagehands, asked whether she was expected to perform a corroboree. The atmosphere changed abruptly from Stalinism to good humour. Having discovered that two-thirds of the audience were Aussies, she started by producing a large map of Australia "to assure all those folks who have lived all their lives in Sydney that the rest of it existed." (self-conscious titter). She breezed through all the States and ended up with Tasmania, "but there won't be much mention of that State tonight ... it's not funny....", Bobbi retorted. So we shut up and pretended it was the person next to us who had had the bad manners to laugh.

The main focus of Bobbi's speech was Aboriginal malnutrition and the vicious cycle of poverty and deprivation it caused. She spoke with great admiration of the Aboriginal Medical Service's Shirley Smith and her gallant fight against

malnutrition among the Redfern Blacks. Bobbi supplemented her hard-hitting talk with conscience prodding slides of situations far beyond the experience or imagination of the bourgeois whites present. Her whole talk was theatrically brilliant and she left the audience wanting to hear more about Australian Blacks. Her final appeal for "cold hard cash" also left them wanting to give.

Question Time gave the inevitable ALP hack his opportunity to leap to his feet waving his "It's Time" leaflets. This aroused a scoff from some sections but Bobbi admitted that Blacks generally supported the ALP as the lesser of two evils, despite the Liberal Party's "black-skinned white man". Questions also elicited from Bobbi that she doubted the sincerity of a lot of student demonstrators, and that many Blacks felt that last year's anti-Apartheid campaigners had since let them down, despite comments to them such as "Hey guys, we're still here." However, she was very amusing in her descriptions of Senator Greenwood's attempts to find the whereabouts of Aboriginal urban guerrilla camps, while refusing to acknowledge the existence of the Ustashi.

The hall had only been booked for three hours but Bobbi was still being besieged by questioners after the lights had been turned off. It was rather difficult to pick her out in the dark.

Accounting behaviour

The ordering from an Accounting lecture of a first student (because she was "disturbing" the lecturer) has resulted in action by Richard Refshaug. Acting on complaints that the student was unfairly treated, Refshaug yesterday wrote to the Department and the Dean of the Faculty. It was interesting to note a tutor sitting in on yesterday's lecture relearning the profession?

No triumphs

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stuttered responses from the administration. As it is beyond question that the University will have to borrow extra money to build the fourth hall, ivory elephant watchers must now shift their sights to scrutinize the final construction contract in an effort to check the value priorities accepted by the cumbersome, thick skinned ANU administration. J Reid

ANU SQUASH CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the ANU Squash Club will be held on Monday 30 October, 1972 at 5.15 pm in the committee room of the Union. Team Captains: Please inform all your team members.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Presentation of reports.
3. Election of Office-bearers.
4. General Business.

Note that neither the Treasurer (Michael Ronai) nor the Secretary (Bob Jeremy) will be standing for re-election.

R. Jeremy
Secretary.

Briefly...

The following letter was received by Andrew Podger after the publication of the last Woroni

Dear Andrew,
Now that the last bugles have sounded and the final Woroni has gone to press, I thought I had better write you a short note to apologise for the harshness of my letter re your article on AUC Council.

The article in my view did contain a few errors which when first read raised more than a little rage in my breast. Now, of course, that has subsided. However at the time of writing my reply the feeling at this end was not terribly peaceful. My vindictiveness was short-lived, nevertheless.

I will be passing through Canberra probably next week. If you wish to have a chat, see you then!
Regards,
Ken Newcombe

In an unanticipated, but long overdue move, Garran Hall Governing Body last Friday decided to scramble the Hall in 1973. The decision by Garran - the last of the three halls to scramble - comes after a two and a half year debate where opponents to the change have finally tottered from their shaky (and at times trembling) ground.

Although the change is a most welcome one, final interest in the matter will not die until the distribution of newcomers to the hall in 1973 is ascertained.

The ANU Social Action Group are about to realise long held intentions of establishing a centre in Canberra where medical, legal and family planning services will be provided for the needy. The most likely site for such a centre is a small house in Narrabundah. Students who will be in Canberra after the examination period are needed to help plan; means of raising finance; involving the community, and a programme of operation. Contact the SRC Office as soon as possible.

Gordon Briscoe, the first aboriginal to contest the Northern Territory seat (for the Australia Party), needs funds so that he can fly to every settlement in the Territory to encourage Aborigines to put their names on the electoral roll. Donations gratefully received at 1 Arundel St., Glebe, 2037.

For those who have lingering doubts - remember that famous principle which derives from the Chifley building - "fail now and avoid the November rush".

As a sequel to the disturbance caused by the article 'ANU's Ivory Elephant' printed in the last Woroni, ANU Secretary Mr Ross Hohnen told President Refshaug that if he had been asked he would have provided Woroni with the confidential correspondence used in that article. Watch out Mr Dexter - you can't trust anyone.

Stop Press

A delegation of students will be inspecting room allocations of the University Health Service in the new Union Building early today. They will attempt to substantiate charges made by members of the University that rooms have been unfairly allocated. It has been asserted that the Health Service administration have taken the choice rooms leaving dark and pokey niches for the treatment of patients.

It is expected that this delegation will report to the Students' Association meeting this evening and speak in the debate that will follow motions calling for students to demonstrate over the precedence given to the administrators over and above those people with whom the Health Service is vitally concerned.

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WE'RE UNREAL

Agenda for the special General Meeting of the ANU Students' Association to be held in the Union on Wednesday 25 October, 1972 at 8 pm

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Declaration of the poll
5. Delegates to Annual Council
6. Fourth hall of residence

1 *Moved:* John Reid *Seconded:* Richard Refshaug
That, in view of the tremendous inequalities that exist between students of this Association and most of their contemporaries - in terms of access to educational resources and the (future) economic and social benefits associated with that access - we condemn the action of the ANU University Council in accepting plans for a fourth student hall of residence that will further manifest this inequality.

2 *Moved:* John Reid *Seconded:* Richard Refshaug
That, the Students' Association believes that aesthetic architectural forms are not necessarily expensive and deplors the priority, accepted by the University Council, which places an expensive architectural solution to the building of the fourth hall of residence over and above functional amenities and cheap rental.

3 *Moved:* John Reid *Seconded:* Richard Refshaug
That, the Students' Association urge the University to take care in future site planning to avoid the conflict that arises between the needs of prominent sites and the needs of building that require student orientated and educational economies.

4 *Moved:* John Reid *Seconded:* Richard Refshaug
That, the Students' Association urge the University to convene Users Committees for future buildings on this campus at a stage where they can contribute to the preparation of the architectural brief.

5 *Moved:* John Reid *Seconded:* Richard Refshaug
That, the Students' Association allocate \$2,000 per year to a subsidy fund for the provision of about 20 cheap rooms in that hall and that the University be called upon to match that grant.

6 *Moved:* John Reid *Seconded:* Richard Refshaug
That, the Students' Association condemn secrecy in the ANU and calls on all members of the University to exercise personal discretion in positively publicizing University business that in their opinion runs contrary to the public's interest.

7 FEDERAL ELECTION

Moved: Marie McGuiness *Seconded:* Alison Saltzer
That the ANU Students' Association supports the principles of Womens' rights, black rights, workers' rights and childrens' rights on which Pat Eatock is campaigning in the Federal Election in the seat of the Australian Capital Territory.

8 LOCAL O.S.S. DIRECTOR

9. WORONI EDITORSHIP FOR 1973

Joan Corbett,
Hon. Secretary.

PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

The Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service has vacancies in all States except New South Wales for psychologists for vocational guidance work in 1973.

TRAINING Successful applicants, except those with previous experience, will undergo twelve months intensive training in the Department immediately following engagement. During the year approximately nine weeks will be spent at a central course in Melbourne.

QUALIFICATIONS A University degree with a major in Psychology is the minimum requirement, and students who will complete this qualification in 1972 may apply. A fourth year qualification and/or previous experience would be an advantage.

SALARY Commencing salary ranges from \$4886 for a pass degree to \$5269 for a first class honours degree, with the maximum of the range being \$7393.

APPOINTMENT On satisfactory completion of training, psychologists will be appointed to vacancies as they occur in the Department's Vocational Guidance Service, which has units in all States and Canberra. Further information and application forms are available from the Regional Director, Department of Labour and National Service, or the Commonwealth Public Service Inspector, in each State.

APPLICATIONS should be submitted to: The Secretary, Department of Labour and National Service, P.O. Box 2817AA, MELBOURNE VIC 3001, by 3rd November, 1972

Barefoot boogie - Browning off

Richard Bomford

All innocent 1st year Geology students who front up for Professor Brown's first lecture in bare feet will be told that there is a departmental rule saying they can't and please will they wear something on their feet next time.

Even the most ardent bare footer having decided to do Geology will tend to obey the rule: the alternative is to change universities, change accommodation and change friends. "That's not generally likely to be a done thing for a bod who's just finished school and gone through the rigmarole of enrolling here.

So you go through 1st year, 2nd year with only a few humber protests along the lines of reluctant agreement to wear shoes "next time" when you go to a lecture in bare feet because you just happened not to be wearing shoes at the time the lecture was timetabled or because you were only handing in an assignment on your way down town. Most likely though, most of the time you just obey the rule because its not worth sticking your head out.

By third year (1st Semester) your self confidence is picking up. You try to get the students to make an anonymous protest through the Geology Society. But everyone there is scared shitless that they'll lose the considerable concessions given to the Society by the Department for its trips during the holidays, and the extended hours of access to the building given to the students. The general attitude is "if you want to fail at the end of the year go and see the Professor yourself". The Department gives you the shits so you're not doing any geology in 1st semester. You let it go 'till later.

Come 2nd semester, you're pretty thoroughly entrenched in the SRC, you know a few student heavies and you've got some idea of how politics works and have developed some ideas of what wrong with the world. In short you can see for sure that a Geology degree is going to make very little difference to the course of your life and really you can afford to fail at the end of the year. So you can go and see Prof. Brown. The fact that your thongs have just busted (and you haven't got so much money that buying some new ones won't lighten the pocket) breaks the camels

back. So you go and vent 2½ years frustration on the Prof. who regards it as "grossly insulting" and threatens to take steps to get you fined. You reckon getting fined for not wearing shoes should cause a bit of a stir from the students, but it becomes obvious that actually he's not going to do anything so you're back to square one.

You start wearing bare feet whenever you like and still nothing happens. Then one day you are asked by the good Professor to go and put something on your feet. You refuse and keep on going to the lecture. Professor Brown does a small double take (he's been "grossly insulted" again, you see). Anyway you go into the lecture he's about to give you and he comes in and says (as he warned you he would) that a person in the lecture is disobeying departmental rules and he won't give the lecture until that person puts some shoes on. Then he leaves. You ask the rest of the class what you should do and they say "do what you like". You stay put. Professor Brown comes in and says "We seem to have reached an impasse, don't we". You nod, he leaves. At ¼ past everyone leaves. You go down to see Refshauge to see what he can do to stop lectures being cancelled every time you go to one. He rings up an admin. heavy but he's at morning tea and "will ring back". He doesn't so you let the matter float, but tell everyone you're trying.

That evening letter (1) arrives. You show it to everyone at tea and they all laugh and say the bloke must be mad. You find it rather difficult not to agree. You run off a few copies of the letter for all to read and go to work (dressing for the Ballet at the Canberra Theatre - a bit of culture). About 11pm you came back and saw that your friends have decided to have a barefoot demo the next morning at the Geology building. You go to your 9am Geology lecture but find its been cancelled (for other reasons - "the lecturer couldn't be bothered preparing it" is the rumour). You go to the SRC office and find Richard Refshauge on the phone to Colin Plowman about feet. 10 minutes later you're having a talk with Plowman in Richards office. You explain what you reckon the situation

is and Plowman says he'll try to get things moving. He has no intention of calling you a "persona non grata" yet. The demo goes off - the press is there in force but no-one else takes any notice. The Geology students get a little stirred because of all these horrible "arts" students invading their building. You get no word on what happening in Admin circles and go off to work again in the evening, after admiring your feet splayed on the front page of the "Canberra News". Come back from work and go to bed. Then while you toss and turn you realise that you're really shit scared that the good Professor is going to get away with it so about midnight you get up again and rush around to see who's awake so you can get out a leaflet so that it at least looks as if the students are about ready to invade the Administration building, the theory being that this should stir up some action in Admin. About 3am the leaflets are all out and you go back to bed.

Wake up next morning to go to the 10am demo at the first year lecture. You go to that after reading about yourself in the Canberra Times, and the Australian and send a copy of these reports, plus the "News" report to Prof. Brown. ("for his information"). At the demo about 30 people go into the first year lecture where they are told they are trespassers but can stay if they shut up. Begins to look as if nothings going to happen so you start it off by being rude to Prof. Brown who's taking the lecture. Eventually he asks if you're all going to shut up, you say no and he moves the lecture into the 1st year laboratory. The demonstrators stay outside. Some Geology students start arguing with the demonstrators and throw some drawing pins on the floor and steal our thongs. The thing starts heating up and you get called a "piss head" by Dr Rickard. Later you wander off with Dr Campbell (2nd in command) who tries to find out what going on in your head so he can try to do something. In the end he concludes you're illogical, but there's nothing you can do about that, so you split and see the demos finished so you go back to bed. About 1pm your mother comes in and wakes you up and says shes just been reading the papers.

She says you've been fighting having things on your feet since before you could walk and she thought it'd land you in trouble eventually. Then you're girl friend comes in and says you should be at a meeting down at the Union. You're suitably buggered so you ring them up instead and find that very little was happening. Can't remember what happened for the rest of the arvo. Think I was in the SRC office mostly.

Come 5o'clock you go back to Bruce and find a message asking you to ring Professor Brown. You do and he says you're back in and he'll send you a letter on Monday. You say you're sorry about this morning and everything and he accepts your apology. Have tea. Go to work again. Saturday: Wake up at 10. Go and say hullo to your bird, wash your hair. Go to matinee at 1.30 evening performance at 7.30, bed at 11. Sunday: Getting pretty fed up with whole thing. Decide to leave things be for the time being and wear shoes. Packard lends you his thongs to replace yours which disappeared during demo.

Monday: Get letter. Go to work in evening, lectures all day.

Tuesday: See Richard Refshauge and tell him you're not doing anything more for the moment. Tell Canberra News same and get picture taken (again), (putting shoes on). Work in evening.

Wednesday: Nought work in evening. Brown stirred because newspaper reports say you'll be back in a year or two to stir some more. You say not strictly accurate. Since Thursdays performance I've changed my mind

Thursday: Geology staff meets Geology students meeting. Professor Brown explains his reasons (See Notes I gave to Richard Refshauge afterwards).

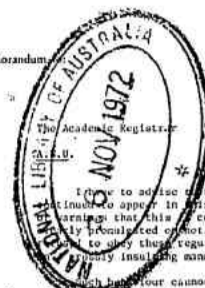
Friday: Getting back to normal. Saturday: Go to work in Arvo. Write this in evening. Reading up on counter culture and listening to the Lovin' Spoonfull's Greatest Hits. Going to "Celebration at Big Sur" tomorrow. Hope to learn how to live!

My new motto: "FUCK SOCIETY OR IT'LL FUCK YOU". You could hope for a better world, couldn't you?

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

11 October 1972

Memorandum



I have to advise that Mr Richard Bomford, student, has continued to appear in this Department with bare feet in spite of warnings that this is contrary to Departmental regulations, by promulgated discipline boards. He has today verbally refused to obey these regulations and has, in my view, behaved in a grossly insulting manner.

It is noted that your cannot be tolerated and I would be grateful if you advise Mr Bomford that he is persona non grata in the Department of Geology. I have advised members of staff that, in the absence of a satisfactory apology, they should ignore any presence in any classes for which he is enrolled and that any written work or examination scripts should not be marked.

D.A. Brown
D.A. Brown
Professor of Geology

Mr Bomford
Copy for your information

Letter 1 (above) from Brown to Plowman. & Letter 2 (below) from Brown to Bomford.



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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY
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16 October 1972

Mr R. Bomford,
Bruce Hall,
The Australian National University.

Dear Mr Bomford,

As a result of the telephone conversation which I initiated with you on Friday afternoon, 13 October 1972, by understanding of the situation, which you described as "back to Square A", is as follows:

1. The restriction on the marking of your Geology assignments and examination papers referred to in the letter to the Academic Registrar is unconditionally removed, and no further disciplinary action is contemplated at this stage.
2. I accept your verbal apology for all incidents in which you have been involved during the dispute.
3. The rule concerning the ban on bare feet in the Geology Building, which is not by any means a purely personal one, remains in force.
4. I am prepared to discuss these matters further if you so desire.

As indicated to you in our conversation, I propose to make the purpose of this letter known within the Department of Geology.

Yours truly,

D.A. Brown
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Professor of Geology

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While all about are sounding retreat for the Liberal Party the jackboots are marching on. Last Tuesday Nick Richardson began a seven day goal sentence for failing to promise the National Service Department that he would obey all their directives in future. While in goal he received a call-up notice instructing him to appear at Kapooka Army camp at 6.00 pm yesterday (being released at 9am yesterday morning).

On Monday Allan Gould was sentenced to seven days goal for failing to make the same recognisance and is now in the Goulburn Training Centre. Like Nick, Allan appeared for himself. Unlike Nick, Allan was allowed to make a statement before he was hauled off. There was only one question he asked himself about the National Service Act, he said. This was to do with the rights of the individual against the might of the state. If the state, as personified by the Liberal Government and

its servants, such as those who were prosecuting him for his 'offence' chose to believe that it had power over his body, then there was nothing he could do about it. But he believed in the necessity to assert the rights of the individual, which, he said, were paramount even against the tyranny of the state.

The magistrate, Mr Pearson clearly did not like the 'duty' that was imposed upon him. But not for him to buck the system. He gave some waffly speech about how we live in a democracy which meant that the majority had the right to tyrannise over the minority and how, if you didn't like it you could found some better system or leave. Although he was obliged to fine Allan a minimum of forty dollars and a seven day goal sentence he decided that seven days would be enough. The prosecutor, who also doesn't like dealing with National Service matters did not press

Pearson to impose the full sentence that he was obliged in law to give. All about there were people who did not like dealing with National Service matters. Some did not like preparing lists of those who had done what the laws say that you must, some did not like signing summonses, others did not like prosecuting much and others don't relish putting people in goal for resisting these laws. Still, as Adolph Eichmann said in the Court, orders are orders. What can you do? You don't make the laws but you would imperil your job if you didn't do what the bosses said you must. Some are little men, some are big men. Allan is of the bigger variety.

It looks as if fascism, in its more obvious form is determined to march out not with a whimper but a bang. The Government is surely aware that putting people in goal for the temerity of standing up and asserting their rights is not the most electorally popular thing that they can do at the moment. The public has had a gutfull of law and order, especially of the Liberal party variety.